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Reform Proposals
Submitted by Councilmembers and Members of the Public

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1. Require staff for Mayor and Councilmember to sign a Code of Conduct. *(Councilmember Reed, March 13, 2006)*
2. Prohibit Mayor and Councilmember interference with the decisions of City Boards and Commission. *(Councilmember Reed, March 13, 2006)*
3. Prohibit Mayor and Councilmember interference with the bidding and RFP process. *(Councilmember Reed, March 13, 2006)*
4. Create a certified training program for Mayoral and Councilmember staff to ensure they are fully aware of laws and ethical standards so they can help their bosses follow the law. *(Councilmember Reed, March 13, 2006)*
5. Hold regular public hearings on ethical issues around the state so we can learn from our mistakes and the mistakes of others. *(Councilmember Reed, March 13, 2006)*
6. Revise our Ethics Code to specify that it is unethical for the Mayor and Councilmembers not to follow Council adopted policies without approval of the Council. *(Councilmember Reed, March 13, 2006)*
7. Prohibit the Mayor and Councilmembers from reviewing draft staff reports without full disclosure. *(Councilmember Reed, March 13, 2006)*
8. Require filing of lobbyist disclosure reports within 48 hours, or two business days, of the occurrence of reportable lobbying and fundraising activity. *(Councilmember Cortese, June 13, 2006)*
9. Request the City Clerk to make available the reports required in #8 above, real-time on the City of San Jose website, including lobbyist fundraising activities, contributions raised/offered, and solicitations made on behalf of an elected official. *(Councilmember Cortese, June 13, 2006)*
10. Permanently ban former employees of San Jose elected officials from returning to City Hall to lobby their former supervisors. *(Councilmember Cortese, June 13, 2006)*
11. Prohibit former city employees, including elected officials, from registering as lobbyists or providing consultation services to a registered lobbyist for at least eight years, the equivalent of two terms in office, after they leave City Hall. Former city employees or elected officials should not be able to exert undue influence on public policy. *(Councilmember Cortese, June 13, 2006)*

12. Prohibit registered lobbyists, whose primary occupation is to influence the outcome of legislation from serving directly or indirectly through others, as fundraisers, treasures or other campaign employees/consultants for candidates for office. *(Councilmember Cortese, June 13, 2006)*
13. Require the mayor and city council members to report offers of employment and/or negotiation of future employment with any corporation, organization or entity that has or anticipates having legislative issues pending before the city council. *(Councilmember Cortese, June 13, 2006)*
14. To prevent conflicts of interest and to expose sources of influence, all contributions to city councilmembers must be made available online for San Jose citizens to review. *(Pete Campbell, August 17, 2006)*
15. *June 27, 2006, City Council Meeting, Item 3.12, Meeting Agenda, City Council approved referral of the definition of "contacts" by registered lobbyists to the Sunshine Reform Task Force to determine whether further differentiation between types of contacts and additional information is warranted in the disclosure documents now required of lobbyists.*